## UMP-KPT 1Malaysia Rafting X-Ploration Sees Encouraging IPT Participation

Ministry of Higher Education (KPT).

X-ploration in Pahang saw encouraging participation from the local institutions of higher learning (IPT) with thirty-five teams, comprising 455 members, arriving at the last leg of the expedition in Pekan Riverfront.

The UMP-KPT 1Malaysia Rafting

The 35 teams not only included five teams from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) but also consisted of teams from 10 private and nine other public IPTs, seven community colleges, three polytechnics, and one team from the Held for the first time ever from May 11 to 15, the rafting exploration was a joint collaboration with KPT. The expedition started out at Kampung Kuala Triang and then moved on to Bera, Kampung Pesagi in Maran, Kampung Belimbing and Kampung Kiambang, Ganchong in Pekan and finally ended at Pekan Riverfront.

All 35 teams congregated for two days on May 9 and 10 at the Kampung Bangau Tanjung Camp in Temerloh to decorate their rafts before being flagged off from the Esplanade by the KPT Deputy Minister, Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah.

Present at the flag-off were UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Daing Mohd Nasir Daing Ibrahim; Temerloh District Officer, Dato' Dr Salehuddin Ishak; and the Head of Temerloh Town Council, Dato' Zulkifli Yaakob. According to Dato' Saifuddin, organizing such rafting exploration showed the continuous synergy between the ministry and the various local academic institutions. "It is a reflection of the spirit of unity that has acculturated among IPT students to literally, wade through all the obstacles Sungai Pahang offered.

"KPT has always strived to produce graduates who excel intellectually, spiritually and academically, as well as ones who are vigorously active in cocurriculum.

"IPT students have the potential to stand out not only in sports, but also in recreational activities, like this rafting exploration, which eventually will stimulate intellectual and physical dash, and in turn, contribute to leading a healthy lifestyle," said the Deputy Minister.

"Such activity presents ample opportunity for students to interact

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